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Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know what the Government propose to do in the matter of suspension of the revenue collection which is more heavily pressing upon the people than anything else and also in the matter of remission ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" No remission or suspension is contemplated."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI :—" May I know whether the question of free grazing in Cuddapah has been considered by the Government ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" The matter has been decided by the Collector and the Conservator of Forests. I do not know whether it is allowed in Cuddapah."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI :—" Is the hon. Member aware that grazing fees have been increased this year ? If so, considering the bad condition of the district will the hon. Member see that it is reduced ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—" I do not think that the grazing fees were increased this year. The orders were cancelled."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" With reference to the answer given by the hon. the Revenue Member that the question of allowing free grazing is one for the Collector and the Conservator to decide, may I ask him whether he does not think it necessary to interfere with the decision of these officers and ask them to grant the concession liberally in times of famine and scarcity ? Is it not within his province ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" Certainly, Sir, if I had any reason to think that it has not been considered liberally."

Mr. K. KOTI REDDI :—" Will the hon. Member enquire into the matter ? "

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" I have every reason to suppose that the matter is considered liberally."

Damages to lands by the Padne bar in Kasaragod taluk.

* 118 Q.—MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that damages are caused to the adjoining lands and cultivators by the Padne bar in the Kasaragod taluk of South Kanara district on account of erosion and overflow of salt water into the fields ;

(*b*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table the reports of the Collectors of South Kanara in connexion with the measures proposed for preventing the damages ; and

(*c*) what they propose to do in the matter ?

A.—(*a*) The Government have no information.

(*b*) No reports have been received.

(*c*) The Government will call for a report.

MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur :—" Will the Government be pleased to call for a report also on the extent of the damage caused to the adjoining lands and the damage that is likely to be caused in the near future ? "

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The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—" As I have stated in the answer, a report has been called for, and before we get the report, we cannot say what action may be taken."

Failure of crops in North Arcot district.

*119 Q.—Mr. M. A. MANIKKAVELU NAYAKAR : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether on the applications received from the villages of Kaveripakkam, Kondapuram, Cheri and Kannlari for remission of tax on account of the failure of the second crop for fasli 1335, the revenue officers have visited and examined completely the lands in the abovesaid villages ;

(b) if so, how much amount has been sanctioned by way of remission for each of the above villages ;

(c) whether the Government will be pleased to order the postponement of the collection of tax till March for fasli 1336 as the crops have totally failed in some places, and partially in some other places, owing to lack of water in the Kaveripakkam tank and the failure of the rains ;

(d) whether the Government will be pleased to appoint a special officer to look into and report about the failure or otherwise of the crops and not solely depend on the report of the revenue officers and karnams ;

(e) whether the Government will be pleased to levy only punja rates of tax, if any crops are raised in nanjai lands for the second part of fasli 1336 solely by baling out water from the wells ;

(f) whether the Government will be pleased to collect the tax in six instalments instead of four with respect to the lands in the district of North Arcot or at least to the lands in Arkonam taluk, or at least to the lands in villages irrigated by Kaveripakkam tank ; and

(g) what orders have been passed, on petitions to the District Collector, North Arcot, and on the resolutions passed at the Irrigation Conference at Ranipet in respect of the remission of land tax for fasli 1336 owing to failure of crops on account of drought ?

A.—(a) The Government have no reason to think otherwise.

(b) The Government have not the information.

(c) No orders of Government are necessary to postpone the collection of kist to March. The Board of Revenue is competent to sanction the postponement of collection within the fasli and the Collector will no doubt obtain the orders of the Board, if necessary.

(d) The suggestion does not commend itself to Government. They have no reason to think that the local revenue officers are incapable of discharging their ordinary duties.

(e) The hon. Member's attention is drawn to paragraph 5 of Board's Standing Order No. 6.

(f) The answer is in the negative.

(g) The Government are not aware of the resolutions referred to and have no information as to the action taken on them by the Collector.

Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR :—" With reference to (a), it is stated 'the Government have no reason to think otherwise.' My information is that the area has not been visited by the various officers as often as is